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SUBJ: GOS REQUEST FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: KHARTOUM 1098

1. FOLLOWING FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID'S MAY 30 REQUEST TO ME FOR ASSISTANCE ON PROPOSED MEDICAL HOSPITAL (KHARTOUM 1211) I SAID MININT HASSAN HAD RECENTLY BROUGHT UP WITH ME WHAT HE HAD DESCRIBED AS PENDING SUDANESE REQUEST TO USG FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE (REFTEL). I HAD WANTED KHALID TO KNOW THAT THIS WAS FIRST OCCASION SINCE MY ARRIVAL LAST SEPTEMBER AT WHICH THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED WITH EMBASSY. MY UNDERSTANDING WAS MATTELHAD BEEN TAKEN UP IN WASHINGTON AND WER WERE AWAITING FURTHER GOS INFORMATION.

2. KHALID REPLIED THAT SECURITY ASSISTANCE DESIRED BY MINISTRY INTERIOR HAD BEEN REFERRED TO IN GENERAL TERMS IN MIN PUBLIC SERVICES ABDUL RAHMAN ABDULLA'S CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT IN MARCH 1973. KHALID HIMSELF HAD THEN TAKEN MATTER UP WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER LAST OCTOBER, AND AMBASSADOR HAMZA HAD SUBSEQUENTLY PRESENTED DETAILED LIST TO DEPARTMENT. I SAID MY UNDERSTANDING THE SITUATION DID NOT ENTIRELY ACCORD WITH FONMINS COMMENTS. I BELIEVED IT WAS USG POSITION THAT SPECIFIC REQUESTS MADE BY ABDULLA TO PRESIDENT XCR A #

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FONMINS APPROACH TO SECRETARY HAD REPRESENTED NEW ELEMENT,

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AND IT WAS TRUE LIST HAD BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED BY AMBASSADOR

HAMZA. AT THAT TIME DEPARTMEN HAD INDICATED THAT, WHILE MAGNITUDE REQUEST WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR USG RESPOND POSITIVELY IN TOTO, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GOS PRIORITIES. AS FAR AS I AWARE, THER HAD BEEN NO SUBSEQUENT RESPONSE FROM GOS.

3. SAYING I WISHED SPEAK TO FONMIN QUITE FRANKLY, I THEN STRESSED TO KHALID DESIRABILITY THIS EMBASSY BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED ON SUDANESE REQUESTS TO USG IN ORDER WE MIGHT BE IN POSITION ASSURE APPROPRIATE FOLLOW THROUGH AND PREVENT POSSIBLE DELAYS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS. KHALID INDICATED ACCEPTANCE THIS POSITON, SAID HE WOULD CHECK INTO MATTER AND BE IN TOUCH WITH ME FOLLOWING HIS CURRENT PERSIAN GULF/ETHIOPIAN TRIP.

4. COMMENT: KHALID TRIES KEEP SO MANY BALLS IN AIR THAT HE DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY SURPRISED OR CONCERNED AT LACK MOVEMENT FOREGOING ISSUE. NOR DID IT APPEAR MININT HASSAN HAS YET RAISED MATTER WITH HIM (REFTEL). KHALID DID NOT INDICATE ANY AWARENESS OF DEPARTMENTS REACTION TOHAMZA'S APPROACH LAST FALL (STATE 208583). HE WAS NO DOUBT ABSENT WHENEVER HAMZA'S REPORT RECEIVED AND MATTER APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LOST IN TOILS SUDANESE BUREAUCRACY. I ACCORDINGLY FELT IT HELPFUL TAKE INITIATIVE IN MAKING CLEAR TO FONMIN FACTS ON THIS MATTER AS I UNDERSTAND THEM IN ORDER PREVENT ANY FURTHER CRITICISM ALLEGED USG DILATORY HANDLING WITH RESPECT GOS REQUEST, PARTICULARLY SHOULD KHALID HAVE BEEN DISPOSED REACT HASTILY WHEN APPROACHED BY MININT HASSAN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY APPEARS NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED COPY EXTENSIVE SHOPPING LIST GIVEN DEPARTMENT BY HAMZA OCTOBER 18. REQUEST COPY BE POUCHED FOR OUR BACK-GROUND SHOULD MATTER AGAIN BE RAISED BY SUDANESE HERE. BREWER

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